

Bachelor of Art to Master of Art in Criminology and Criminal Justice Fast Track

About This Program

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice to Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice Fast Track will enable outstanding senior undergraduate Criminology and Criminal Justice students to satisfy degree requirements leading to a master's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice while completing their undergraduate studies.

Undergraduate Criminology and Criminal Justice students will apply when they are within 30 hours of completing their bachelor's degree.

They must have completed at least 30 hours at UTA, achieving a GPA of at least 3.3 in those courses, have an have earned a GPA of 3.3 or better in all Criminology or Criminal Justice courses taken at UTA. Additionally, they must have completed 12 hours of specified undergraduate fast track screening courses at UTA with a minimum GPA of 3.3. If one of these four courses is transferred from another school it will not be included, and an equivalent course determined by the undergraduate advisor will be used as a fast track foundation course.

Students who successfully complete the fast track program will receive automatic admission to the graduate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice once the BA is awarded. No additional application or letters of recommendation are required.

Interested students should contact the program's graduate advisor to learn how to apply and participate.

ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS

For detailed information about the programs associated with this Fast Track, refer to their individual degree pages.

Criminology and Criminal Justice BA

Criminology and Criminal Justice MA (<https://catalog.uta.edu/liberalarts/criminology/graduate/ma/>)

Admissions Criteria

For admission to the fast-track program undergraduates must:

- be within 30 hours of graduation
- have completed 30 hours at UTA
- Have earned a GPA of 3.3 or better overall and of 3.3 or better in Criminology and Criminal Justice
- have completed the following courses with GPA of at least 3.0: CRCJ 2335, CRCJ 3340, CRCJ 3350, CRCJ 3300

For automatic admission to the Criminology and Criminal Justice graduate program, students must obtain a 3.0 or better in all graduate courses taken during the fast-track program

Curriculum

Foundations

General Core Requirements (<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degree/requirements/general/core/requirements/>)

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Students must complete specific courses in certain core areas:

For Communication select:

ENGL 1301	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION I
ENGL 1302	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION II

For Mathematics select:

MATH 1308	ELEMENTARY STATISTICAL ANALYSIS
or MATH 1309	STATISTICAL LITERACY

For Social & Behavioral Sciences select:

CRCJ 2334	INTRODUCTION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
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Criminal Justice Foundations

UNIV 1131	STUDENT SUCCESS	1
or UNIV 1101	CAREER PREPARATION AND STUDENT SUCCESS	
COMS 1301	FUNDAMENTALS OF PUBLIC SPEAKING	3
1441 in any modern or classical language		4
1442 in the same modern or classical language		4

Criminal Justice Specialization		
CRCJ 2350	INTRODUCTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT	3
CRCJ 3300	THEORETICAL CRIMINOLOGY	3
CRCJ 3338	JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS	3
CRCJ 3340	CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATISTICS	3
or SOCI 3352	APPLIED STATISTICS FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH	
CRCJ 3350	INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
or SOCI 3362	SOCIAL RESEARCH	
CRCJ 4301	THE AMERICAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM	3
CRCJ 4332	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	3
or CRCJ 4333	INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS	
Select 21 hours of Criminal Justice electives from the following. At least 12 hours must be CRCJ courses.		21
CRCJ 2335	ETHICS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM	
CRCJ 2340	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	
CRCJ 3320	CYBERCRIME	
CRCJ 3330	FUNDAMENTALS OF LAW	
CRCJ 3337	ADVANCED CRIMINAL PROCEDURE	
CRCJ 3370	INTRODUCTION TO FORENSICS	
CRCJ 3371	CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION	
CRCJ 3380	RACE, CRIME, AND JUSTICE	
CRCJ 3385	WOMEN AND CRIME	
CRCJ 3390	VICTIMOLOGY	
CRCJ 3395	DRUG USE AND ABUSE	
CRCJ 4191	CONFERENCE COURSE	
CRCJ 4291	CONFERENCE COURSE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
CRCJ 4302	MOCK TRIAL I	
CRCJ 4303	MOCK TRIAL II	
CRCJ 4313	SERIAL KILLERS	
CRCJ 4315	WHITE-COLLAR AND CORPORATE CRIME	
CRCJ 4325	GANGS	
CRCJ 4332	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	
or CRCJ 4333	INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS	
CRCJ 4340	FORENSIC DEATH INVESTIGATION	
CRCJ 4341	FORENSIC EXAMINATION OF IMPRESSION EVIDENCE	
CRCJ 4342	FORENSIC HAIR AND FIBER IDENTIFICATION	
CRCJ 4343	FORENSIC EXPERT TESTIMONY	
CRCJ 4352	TERRORISM AND MASS VIOLENCE	
CRCJ 4365	CAPITAL PUNISHMENT	
CRCJ 4380	COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS	
CRCJ 4386	TOPICS IN CORRECTIONS	
CRCJ 4387	TOPICS IN CRIME AND CRIMINOLOGY	
CRCJ 4388	TOPICS IN LAW AND JUDICIAL PROCESSES	
CRCJ 4394	HONORS THESIS/SENIOR PROJECT	
ECON 3302	THE ECONOMICS OF CRIME	
GLOBAL 4312	INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCE FOR GLOBAL COMMUNICATION	
HIST 3309	HEALTH AND INCARCERATION	
HIST 3391	MOOT COURT	
MAS 3319	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE ACROSS POPULATIONS AND CONTEXTS	
MAS 3330	CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND IDENTITY	
MILS 3341	LEADERSHIP I	
or MILS 3342/4341/4342	LEADERSHIP II	
POLS 3333	JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTIONAL CONFLICT	

POLS/GWSS 4316	WOMEN IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS	
POLS 4331	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: GOVERNMENT POWER	
POLS 4332	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS	
PSYC/BIOL/HEED 3303	DRUGS AND BEHAVIOR	
PSYC 3304	ANALYSIS & MANAGEMENT OF BEHAVIOR	
PSYC 3315	SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY	
PSYC 3320	BEHAVIOR AND MOTIVATION	
SOCI 3320	DEVIANCE: SOCIAL AND PERSONAL	
SOCI/AAST 3336	SOCIAL INEQUALITY	
SOCI/AAST/MAS 3337	RACIAL & ETHNIC GROUPS IN US	
SOCI 4306	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS	
SOCW 3310	ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & GREEN SOCIAL WORK	
SOCW 3315	INTRODUCTION TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS	
SOCW 4314	INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE	
SOCW 4371	INEQUITIES AND INCARCERATION	
Another course approved by advisor		
Students must take additional electives to bring their total hours completed to 111		15
MA Foundations		
CRCJ 5301	PROSEMINAR IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CRCJ 5309	RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CRCJ 5310	STATISTICS & RESEARCH PRACTICES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CRCJ 5342	ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CRCJ 5381	CRIME & PUBLIC POLICY	3
CRCJ 5350	THEORETICAL CRIMINOLOGY	3
Select three electives with advance approval of Graduate Advisor		9
Thesis or Non-Thesis		
Select one of the following:		6
CRCJ 5698	THESIS	
Two electives with advance approval of Graduate Advisor		

Total Hours **144**

Freshman

Summer Semester	Hours	Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
None		ENGL 1301		3 ENGL 1302	3
		MATH 1308 or 1309		3 Life & Physical Science	3
		US History (part 1)		3 US History (part 2)	3
		Government/Political Science		3 Government/Political Science	3
		MODL 1441		4 MODL 1442	4
		UNIV 1101		1	
	0		17		16

Sophomore

Summer Semester	Hours	Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
None		CRCJ 2334		3 COMS 1301	3
		Creative Arts		3 Component Area Option	3
		Language, Philosophy & Culture		3 CRCJ 2350	3
		Life & Physical Science		3 CRCJ 3338	3
		Component Area Option		3 Open Elective	3
	0		15		15

Junior

Summer Semester	Hours	Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
None		CRCJ 3300		3 CRCJ 3350 or SOCI 3362	3
		CRCJ 4301		3 CRCJ Elective	3
		CRCJ Elective		3 CRCJ Elective	3
		Open Elective		3 CRCJ Elective	3
		Open Elective		3 Open Elective	3
	0		15		15

Senior					
Summer Semester	Hours	Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
None		CRCJ 3340		3 CRCJ Elective	3
		CRCJ 4332 or 4333		3 Open Elective	3
		CRCJ Elective		3 Graduate CRCJ Elective	3
		CRCJ Elective		3 Graduate CRCJ Elective	3
		CRCJ 5301		3	
	0		15		12
First Year					
Summer Semester	Hours	Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
Graduate CRCJ Elective		3 CRCJ 5309		3 CRCJ 5310	3
Thesis or Non-Thesis Elective		3 CRCJ 5381		3 CRCJ 5342	3
		CRCJ 5350		3 Thesis or Non-Thesis Elective	3
	6		9		9

Total Hours: 144

Advising Resources

First-time college students majoring in CRCJ will be advised by the University Advising and Engagement Center (UAEC) Freshman Advising team. After meeting the transition requirements, UAEC CRCJ majors will move to CRCJ advising. Transfer students should contact CRCJ program advising upon admission. All students should reach out to their advisors each semester for hold removal and degree plan updates.

Location:

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Contact your advisor - schedule an appointment (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/liberal-arts/departments/criminology/undergraduate/advising/>)